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S. 185

To establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 19, 1999

Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. CHIEF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATOR.
- 4 (a) Establishment of a Position.—There is es-
- 5 tablished the position of Chief Agricultural Negotiator in
- 6 the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The
- 7 Chief Agricultural Negotiator shall be appointed by the
- 8 President, with the rank of Ambassador, by and with the
- 9 advice and consent of the Senate.

- 1 (b) Functions.—The primary function of the Chief
- 2 Agricultural Negotiator shall be to conduct trade negotia-
- 3 tions and to enforce trade agreements relating to U.S. ag-
- 4 ricultural products and services. The Chief Agricultural
- 5 Negotiator shall be a vigorous advocate on behalf of U.S.
- 6 agricultural interests. The Chief Agricultural Negotiator
- 7 shall perform such other functions as the United States
- 8 Trade Representative may direct.
- 9 (c) Compensation.—The Chief Agricultural Nego-
- 10 tiator shall be paid at the highest rate of basic pay payable
- 11 to a member of the Senior Executive Service.

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